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THE PHONOGRAPH.

Prominent Role Played by It in the Recent Campaign.

"The phonographic record played quite a prominent role in the recent campaign," said a St. Louis electrician at one of the hotels the other evensome extent four years ago, but it was then in the experimental stage as a political adjunct, and the reproductions were confined almost entirely to Bryan's 'cross of gold' peroration. made in advance, and each party had dozens of selections from which to choose. The most popular were brief extracts from addresses by the different candidates, but campaign songs, declarations of principles and jokes with the laugh on either side one wishes have been sold by the hundred. The demand was principally from the country and small towns, where the phonograph is used to liven up the meetings of political clubs, and in a number of states congressional candidates have employed the machine for sending messages of good cheer to constituents in remote parts of their districts. I spent several hours in a record factory, and was greatly interested in watching known to dash in at the windows and them turn out a new set of selections. It was a curious spectacle. One of the first things undertaken was an eight-minute Bryan speech. The operating-room was long and narrow, with a huge brass horn at one end and a sounding board at the other. A little baldheaded man sat on a stool in front of the horn, holding a sheet of typewritten copy, and behind him at irregular intervals were seven or eight men armed with megaphones. In plain yiew was a large dial, divided into minutes, to mark the time. When everything was ready the little man began to declaim, speaking in a very deep, slow voice, with distinct pauses between the words, which completely robbed the selection of anything like dramatic quality. Now and then he raised his hand, and the chaps with megaphones bellowed solemnly into space. It was a most depressing seance, but when the cylinder was put into the reproducing machine I could hardly believe my ears. The speech was delivered very rapidly but with beautifully distinct enunciation, and the voice sounded fully an octave higher than that of the little baldheaded fellow on the stool. It was superbly clear and ringing and was very like the tones of the great Nebraskan himself. Even the applause had taken a new spirit and animation and sounded like the thunderous interruptions of a vast assemblage. I was greatly puzzled, but the miracle his shell and is soft and unable to prowas easily explained. All that was teet himself. During shedding time, done was to speed up the machine says the Lewiston Journal, these lobabout a third faster than it had been sters crawl under projecting rocks going when the record was taken. That not only raised the pitch, but secured a distinctness unobtainable by in which to grow through the process any other means. It seems that there are tricks in all trades but ours."

THE GENTLE READER.

with the Stagecoach.

Reader? asks Samuel M. Crothers in swarm around these retreated for great the Atlantic. One does not like to numbers and wait for the shedders to think that he has passed away with crawl out. An old lobster fisherman the stage coach and the weekly news said the other morning that many letter; and that henceforth we are to times he had stopped his dory over a be confronted only with the stony large number of these red codfish and glare of the Intelligent Reading Pub- watched their operations. He had lie. Once upon a time—that is to say, even dropped his line down and dana generation or two ago-he was very gled tempting bait within a few feet highly esteemed. To him books were of them. Unless it happened to fall dedicated with long, rambling prefaces and with episodes which were their own excuse for being. In the they were after lobster meat. When very middle of the story the writer the thin-shelled lobsters would crawl would stop and with a word of apology or explanation addressed to the Gentle Reader, or at the very least and strike them fierce blows with with a nod or a wink. No matter if their tails, disabling them completethe fate of the hero be in suspense or ly. They would then fall to and dethe plot be inextricably involved.

"Hang the plot!" says the author. "I must have a chat with the Gentle Reader, and find out what he thinks about it."

And so confidences were interchanged and there was gossip about the universe, and suggestions in regard to the queerness of human nature, until, at last, the author would jump up with: "Enough of this, Gentle Reader; perhaps it's time to go back to the story.

No Railroad to Quito.

Quito, while a delightful capital, cannot be approached by rail or by wagon road. In two years it is exwill have completed a railroad to that WHERE RUSKIN LIVED.

Home of the Great Art Critic Not at AM Artistic.

The house is miles away from everywhere, and even when you are enter at the back, and the front door made a \$45,000 investment in tenant from his stool and shouted: ing, according to the New Orleans is where back doors usually are. I property. Times-Democrat. "It was used to had pictured it inside as the brightest Labor men in Vancouver, B. C., example of exquisite taste, and are urging the imposition of a heavy register and came over to find the thought it would be a lesson in beau- tax on male domestic servants, the cause of the guest's excitement. tiful esthetic decoration, says a object being to diminish the employwriter in the London Chronicle. But ment of Chinese and Japs. the furniture was simply appalling. This time extensive preparations were I have to this day nightmare recol- know grammar. According to its polections of an awful green tablecloth, sition in a sentence a word is either with a gilt edging to it, and a cheap, noun, adjective, verb or adverb-the forlorn little vase in the center, and word itself remains the same. there was a terrible sideboard and hideous chairs and couches, all huddled up in faded chintz. Truly the master delivered us from early Victorian bad taste, but he himself remained in bondage to it all his days.

As for the wall-papers, they were enough to make Morris turn in his grave. There was a legend attaching to one (designed, I think, by the master himself), representing very realistic bunches of flowers, with detestable scrollwork zigzagging all about; the flowers were so naturalistic that misguided bees had been hurl themselves onto the deceptive roses. Once, being much tormented by this repulsive wall paper and the aforesaid legend, I ventured to ask why his roses were right, though he had demonstrated that Zeuxis' grapes were wrong, and I was gliding softly "His bees were wise and I was a fool," whereupon I changed the conversa-

The chairs and sofas I treated with | ject to the price. distant respect, as I knew "papa and cred. I have an etching of one speand rare paintings by Turner, Burne- fused to book Austrian passengers. Jones, Prout and Titian, cabinets of shells and minerals, and the delightful incongruity of it all was a constant surprise and charm.

CODFISH THEIR ENEMIES.

Attack and Catch Lobsters Which Are Just Out of Their Shells.

It is probably news to the majority of people to know that the red or rock codfish is a bitter enemy of the lobster that has just crawled out of where the seaweed and kelp are thick and where they find protected places of slipping out of their old shells and taking on a new coat of mail, so to speak. For some days after shedding lobsters are weak and unable to cope He (or She) Seems to Have Disappeared with those fish that wage war upon them. This fact the codfish seem in-What has become of the Gentle tuitively to know, and they will directly in front of their noses, however, they would seldom take it, as owt from beneath the protecting seaweed the codfish would dart at them your the helpless crustaceans. This performance the lobster fisherman said he had witnessed many times.

The Book Agent.

"If I were a young man," said a book agent to Cliff Holbert yesterday, "I would have this book if I had to go without shoes or coat in order to buy "No, you wouldn't," said Holbert; "if you were a young man, and not a book agent, you would try as hard as any of us to resist the book agents."-Atchison Globe.

Toronto's City Hall.

Twenty years ago the city of Topected that a New York syndicate ronto, Ont., began the erection of a city hall, which was to cost \$300,000 point. Horses and mules and thou- by the original estimate. The outsands of men and women are engaged | lay on it to date has been \$2,345,000,

Even in the "fatherland" they invariably speak the "mother tongue." -Onicage Daily News.

THIS AND THAT.

It is estimated that only 1,000 buffalo are now alive.

A woman who sells newspapers at

Chinese has no grammar, as we

Prof. Lloyd Morgan, in a recent address, stated that he had found that young chickens, taken straight from the incubator, could swim very well, the power of swimming being perfectly instinctive.

There are about 3,500 miles of railroad in Russia, of which 2,500 miles are operated by the imperial government. Pension funds are maintained for the employes of these roads. These funds amount to something like \$55,000,000.

view of the fact that they make em- what use are you going to make of ployers give them lower wages? Of it?" the 39 associations of hosts and waiters in Germany to whom this question was put, only 14 answered yes, while 25 said no.

The visitors to Washington from Mexico, Central and South America into his pet theory of "representation | are the most popular with the hotel versus imitation," when he burst into keepers in the capital, for they are laughter, clapped his hands and said: the most liberal spenders. They al- and the remainder from the cash ways insist upon having the best register. With mumbled thanks the rooms and best of every other accom- lucky man departed. Ten minutes

thom, and so they were evermore sa- influx of Austrians. A large number were landed in Sydney, but the New cial chair in which a great part of Zealand government refused to allow "Modern Painters" was written, and them to land unless the shipping com-I never look at it without taking my panies carrying them guaranteed their hat off. Amid the bewildering ugly | maintenance for three months. Natsurroundings were exquisite drawings | urally the shipping companies re-

PHOSPHORESCENT BACTERIA.

Microbes That, Kept Under Proper Circumstances, Will Light a Room.

M. Raphael Dubois, in a paper read before the Academie des Sciences, de- pride scribes a series of experiments in of considerable intensity by the use and keep der bearl." of certain microbes or photobacteria, light. These are allowed to propa- pearl, Bumgarten?" gate in a liquid bouillon of special composition. When the experiment | coat." is made with good microbe cultures to start with, and at the proper temperature, the development is rapid, and the liquid soon contains the microbes in sufficient quantity to give is used to contain the liquid, preferably with plain sides, and it is possible in this way to light a room strongly enough to distinguish the features of a person placed at several yards distance, and newspaper type may be read. The light has scarcely any calorific effect, and the properties of its chemical rays seem to be also feeble, as it requires several hours' exposure with an instantaneous plate to obtain a good image; on the other hand, the rays seem to possess considerable penetrating power, as impressions may be made upon the plate even though screens of wood or cardboard are interposed. A sheet of aluminium is, however, not traversed by the rays.

In these experiments it is importan that the bouillon in which the mi crobes are propagated should be well prepared. It should contain water, salt, an aliment analogous to glycerin or mannite, another represented by the peptones or asparagine, and an aliment containing phosphorous, such as nucleine or phosphates, as well as traces of the mineral compounds which enter into the composition of such organisms. The use of peptone is attended with some difficulty, as putrefaction is likely to set in and destroy the action; if it is used, it should be aerated by a current of sterilized air and slightly agitated.

With asparagine the best results have been obtained, and the solution keeps well, giving the phosphorescent effect in free air; its cost, however, ples in a basement at a low temperathese experiments.

FOUND_A PEARL.

Two Rival Lunch Counter Proprie Now Companions in Misery.

It was at Jean's little lunch count er. The man who had been quietly there it is very difficult to get in; you one end of the Brooklyn bridge has devouring a small fry suddenly sprang

"I have found it!"

Jean left the chair behind the cash

"What eis eit you have found?" A pearl! The biggest pearl found in an oyster this season," and he placed the opaque object in his palm for Jean's inspection. It was Jean's turn to be excited.

"A pearl! Ah, eit is one beauty."

"A gem of the first water." "One hundred dollars would be a

noderate price for such a jewel." "Will you sell eit to me for feefty.

"Fifty? Why, I told you it was vorth double fifty. "

"Yes, but you found eit in here." The man with the pearl appeared to be in deep thought, says the Chi-

cago Daily News. At last he placed the pearl in Jean's hand and said: "Well, considering that I found it in your oysters it is only right that Are waiters benefited by fees in I should do the square thing. But

> "I will place eit in ze window for one advertisement. I will write on a card and ze people will know my bysters have ze pearls. I get ze trade of Bumgarten across ze street."

> "Great idea! But give me the fifty and the pearl is yours."

Jean fished \$40 from a greasy bag modation in the house and never ob- later the pearl adorned the window. A neat card informed the public that The New Zealand government has the rare jewel had been found in one mamma" and "old nurse" had sat on succeeded in putting a check on the of Jean's oysters. All morning a crowd stood before the window and Jean was proud. But at noon Jean noticed a similar crowd in front of his rival's establishment.

"He is jealous," said Jean, slipping on his coat and hat, "and he fix up something to make one look."

But there was a surprise in store for Jean. In Bumgarten's window was an exact duplicate of the Frenchman's pearl.

"Bumgarten!" called Jean, "where you get ze pearl?"

The Teuton's chest expanded with "Dot bearl vas found in mient oys-

which he obtains a luminous source ters. I pay der man dot found it \$10 "But I paid feefty for one ze same

which have the power of emitting size. What kind of a man found your

"He vore a golf cap and a blue

"Then eit is ze same man. Bumgarten, something eis funny. Let's take ze pearls to ze jeweler."

The Teuton agreed and Jean hurried over after his attraction. Tothe luminous effect. A glass vessel gether they hastened to the jeweler in Van Buren street. "Are zey ze gennine pearls?" asked

The jeweler examined the pearls

and smiled. "Who said they were pearls?"

"Ve bought dem as bearls."

"Then, gentlemen, you have been sold. These are only smoked glass beads. They are intended to hold puff neckties together."

Then Jean and Bumgarten went out to tell the police all about it.

When the Deaf Hear.

It is said that persons afflicted with certain forms of deafness can hear perfectly in the midst of a tumult. A locomotive engineer, upon examination by a medical expert, was found to be very deaf, and, although he protested that he could hear perfectly well on his engine, he was suspended from duty. Some time afterward, having vainly tried to get cured, he applied for reinstatement, again urging the fact of his perfect hearing while on duty. Finally, in order to satisfy him, the physician rode with him upon a locomotive for a long distance and put him to every possible test. To the doctor's surprise, he ound the man able not only to hear ordinary sounds without difficulty. but also to distinguish whispers and faint movements that were inaudible to his companion.

New English Lamppost.

In England a lamppost has been introduced which combines a fire hyis a disadvantage. If well prepared, drant, tap and fire alarm box. The the phosphorescent solution will keep hydrant can be used for fire alarm for a long time without deteriorating; purposes, filling water carts and for the experimenter has kept some sam- street flushing, while the small tap can be used by an individual for doture for more than six months. He | mestic water supply. There is a waexpects to be able to increase the lu- ter meter and syphon at the bottom. minous effect, and thinks that a by which the water is shut off from practical outcome may result from the hydrant, thus preventing it from market hering of many Mindelle and the